

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, I have determined that a state of emergency, as defined in G.S. § 166A-4 and G. S. § 14-288.1(10), existed in the State of North Carolina, specifically in Alleghany, Avery, Ashe, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Jackson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, Rutherford, and Yancey counties, due to two major winter storms, beginning on December 18, 2009, and December 25, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. §§ 166A-5 and 14-288.15, therefore, I proclaim that a state of emergency existed in the aforementioned counties in the State, during the period beginning on December 18, 2009.

Section 2. I hereby order all state and local government entities and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan, including but not limited to obtaining federal reimbursement and assistance.

Section 3. I hereby delegate to Reuben F. Young, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, and/or his designee, all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A, and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in North Carolina.

Section 4. Further, Reuben F. Young, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer for the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in G.S. § 143B-476.

Section 5. I hereby order this proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) unless the

circumstances of the state of emergency prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to assure proper implementation of this proclamation.

Section 6. This proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall continue until it is terminated in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this **twenty-first** day of **January** in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.



Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State